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1. The Soviet Union will need about ten years of peace before it can develop to the same industrial level as the United States, which is now the most powerful nation.
2. The rearming of Germany is the greatest immediate threat to peace and the Soviets will probably make most unexpected concessions in an attempt to neutralize Germany. The Soviet aim is a curtain of neutral states from Finland to Greece. After this is secured, neutralization of the satellites may follow.
3. The Soviets intend to concentrate next on neutralizing Greece. Turkey is considered impossible to influence.
4. The sending by the Soviets of a top-flight team to Belgrade is another way of accepting publicly the guilt for the breakdown in relations with Yugoslavia. The items to be discussed in the order of their importance are: ideological, economic, and political.
5. The increase in Chinese strength and the possibility of consequent competition with the Soviet Union does not worry the Soviets, as a long time will be required before there will be substantial industrial development in China.

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